

May 26, 2000

Ms. Deborah Rice  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5008  
People for Patty Murray  
U.S. Senate Campaign and  
C. Brandon Hall, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Rice:

The Patty Murray Campaign has requested that I represent them in connection with this MUR. A Designation of Counsel form was submitted to the Commission on May 25, 2000. In reviewing my copy of the Designation, I notice that it does not have the MUR number on it and it is possible this form has not yet been internally routed to you.

As I understand the situation, the Campaign's response is due on May 30, which is Tuesday, but because of the holiday weekend I will not be able to reach you prior to that time.

I request a brief, two-week extension in the Campaign's deadline for responding.

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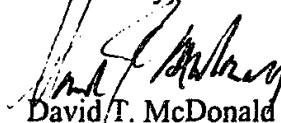
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The letter sent to the Campaign by Mr. Wold indicated that requests for extension would need to be in writing, five days in advance of the due date. It is unclear to me, in the absence of a citation, whether the five day requirement is a matter of office policy, Commission Rule or statute. In any event, to the extent it is permissible to request relief from the five day requirement, please consider this request for extension timely in light of the holiday weekend, my attempt to contact you yesterday and the logistics of cross-country communication.

As indicated in my voice mails, my direct dial is 206-224-7057. My direct fax is 206-224-7095. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your earliest convenience. In addition, I would appreciate it if you would let me know as soon as you can whether our request for an extension has been granted.

Yours truly,



David T. McDonald

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